

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/079,090

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/26/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-14, 22-30 and renumbered as 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/20/2002, 3/2/04 & 4/9/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's after Final Amendment filed on 8/26/2005 has been entered with amended claims 6 and 22 and cancelled claims 1-5, 15-21 and 31-32. In this Office Action, Claims 6-14 and 22-30 are allowed and renumbered in sequence 1-18.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
- Objected dependent claims incorporated into independent claims and rejected claims were cancelled and the details are provided by the Applicant in the Remarks section of the After Final Amendment filed on 8/26/2005.
 - Prior art of related fails to teach each of the file system cells has a respective processors that is assigned exclusively management of metadata of each file system cells and the network file server responds to the file access request by accessing a routing table with extracted identifier of the file system in order to obtain a pointer to the respective one of the processors. This claimed element is in claims 6 and 22.
 - Fry, Jr. (US Patent 6,714,949) teaches a first file system configuration may be dynamically migrated (morphed) into a second file system configuration on an

object-by-object basis. During the migration operation, objects (directories and files, data and metadata) may be accessed by client applications through, either the first or second file system configurations. Whereas Patel et al. (US Patent 6,643,654) teaches a technique provides on-disk representations of multiple named data streams for a file system of a network storage appliance. The network storage appliance or filer includes a file system that implements a Write Anywhere File Layout (WAFL) disk format, wherein files are described by inodes of which there may be various types, including directory and regular inodes.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sathyanarayan Pannala whose telephone number is (571) 272-4115. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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